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Letter dated 25 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement concerning the situation in Togo, issued on 25 October 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement concerning the situation in Togo issued on 25 October 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union has taken careful note of the detailed report on recent human rights violations in Togo, drawn up by the fact-finding mission dispatched to the country by the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The contents of that report confirm the seriousness of the abuses and violence, which have left very many people dead and entailed inhumane and degrading treatment and the destruction of property, directed in particular against some European Union member States.

The European Union reiterates its condemnation of acts of violence, from whatever source, and calls on the Togolese authorities to deal thoroughly and fairly with the issue of human rights in Togo, in keeping with the undertakings given in 2004, by prosecuting those responsible for such violence so as to end any sense of impunity. Bringing them to justice will help to restore confidence in the rule of law and encourage the return of refugees, in order for Togo to engage in a sincere process of national reconciliation.

The European Union here renews its call for a genuine dialogue which involves all political forces in the country, is clear in form and in content and serves to establish an electoral framework acceptable to all. The European Union notes that, while some efforts have already been made, the greater part of the work has still to be done.

Lastly the European Union points out that it stands ready to support action by the Government and the President to implement the 22 undertakings, in compliance with the Council decision of 15 November 2004, and that it urges all of Togo's political forces to work to have firm and resolute steps taken to that end.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

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* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.